

THE ACTS CHURCH

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“EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH”

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34 KJV

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But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (30) For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (31) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (32) But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (33) Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. (34) And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

INTRO: WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK – JEFF FOXWORTHY

*You've got more than one brother named 'Darryl'
You have to go outside to get something out of the 'fridge'*

If You

1. ... hesitate about obeying God's word
2. ... make decisions without praying
3. ... are comfortable around worldly and wicked people
4. ... are a continual burden to God's people
5. ... seek the honor of men rather than of God
6. ... compromise moral standards

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7. ... don't have a testimony that is taken seriously
8. ... are not trying to win souls
9. ... walk by sight, rather than faith
10. ... deny the Word of God's by the way you live

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... or then again You Might not even be a Born-Again Believer

If You

1. ... often fight with other Christians
2. ... are shallow in your knowledge of the Scriptures
3. ... enjoy being the center of attention
4. ... are easily offended
5. ... are often spiritually dependent on others
6. ... highly critical when things don't go your way
7. ... have a habit of complaining about things
8. ... tend to be self-centered
9. ... have lots of trouble staying out of sin
10. ... become jealous over the success of others

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1 Corinthians 11:27-29 KJV

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We are told that if we take of this bread and this cup "**unworthily**"; we bring God's wrath upon our lives by not reverencing the Lord's body. In fact, the phrase "**not discerning the Lord's body**," has the idea of treating Jesus the same way the mocking and jeering crowds did at His crucifixion. It means that we treat His broken body and His shed blood as if they were useless!

I. RESULTS FROM...

"NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY"

1 Corinthians 11:30

For this cause many *are weak* and *sickly* among you, and many *sleep*.

1. Some are **weak** because of it – verse 30a
2. Some are **sick** because of it – verse 30b
3. Some are **dead** because of it – verse 30c

2 Chronicles 7:14-22 KJV

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (15) Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. (16) For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. (17) And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; (18) Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. (19) **But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes**

and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; (20) Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. (21) And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? (22) And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

II. PREPARATION IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE

1 Corinthians 11:28

But let a man **examine** himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. The Lord is telling us to “**examine**” our own lives.

We need to be sure that ***we are clean, before we come*** to His table.

When we partake of His table with an unclean heart,
there will be a price to pay.

We are to examine ourselves and ***bring our sins to His altar***
confession and repentance

When we do that, we can expect His forgiveness.

When we do not, we can expect His chastisement!

IS IT THAT SERIOUS?

Yes it is! In fact, it is so serious that I would say to you that ***If You Have Sin In Your Life And You Do Not Plan To Confess It And Deal With In This Altar;*** then you should ***Let The Bread And The Juice Pass You By!***



NOW Let's spend time in God's Presence
EXAMINING Ourselves

III. REMEMBERING IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE

1. He left heaven to be born in a human body

Philippians 2:5-8 KJV

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,

and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2. He bore our sins in His Own body on the tree

1 Peter 2:21-24 KJV

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: (22) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: (23) Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he

threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: (24) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

3. He willingly took our place on Calvary

Isaiah 53:3-6 KJV

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (4) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (5) But he was wounded for our

transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

4. He shed His blood for our redemption

Revelation 5:7-10 KJV

And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (9) And they sung a new song,

saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

5. He conquered death, Hell and the grave ... forever

Revelation 1:17-18 KJV

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon

me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:** (18) I am he that

liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and

have the keys of hell and of death.

6. And You...

Colossians 2:10-15 KJV

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (11) In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: (12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (13) And you, being dead in

your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (15) And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.



IV. SO WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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